

California's Mental Health Cooperative Programs

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

California's Mental Health Cooperative programs were designed to build partnerships between local County Mental Health (CMH) agencies and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). These programs assist CMH consumers to find, get, and keep meaningful community employment. Statewide, there are 28 Mental Health Cooperative programs administered through cooperative agreements with local CMH agencies. An additional 29 contracts with private non-profit community programs are funded through these CMH cooperative programs to provide vocational rehabilitation services.

Under these contractual agreements, DOR assigns vocational rehabilitation counselors to be actively involved with the program. DOR opens cases and provides enhanced vocational rehabilitation services. CMH or a contracted private non-profit provides exclusive training and enhanced programming to enable consumers to achieve employment utilizing assessment, vocational and work-site training, job placement, and follow-up services to mutual CMH and DOR consumers.

FACTS

- California's Mental Health Cooperative programs serve over 8,000 consumers annually.
- Mental Health Cooperative programs result in more than 1,000 successful closures annually.
- Ninety-two percent of consumers with a mental health diagnosis receive vocational rehabilitation plan services when participating in our Mental Health Cooperative Programs.
- A person with a mental health diagnosis that applies to our Mental Health Cooperative Program has a 65% advantage of becoming successfully employed over those who are not a part of our program.

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